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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1171
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eddie Davidson for his exemplary public service as the Assistant Chief Clerk for the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize the dedication of its employees; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Davidson is one such estimable person who first came to the Tennessee House of Representatives as a Legislative Intern in 1991; and

WHEREAS, this native of Cumberland County quickly became adept in the machinations of the legislative process by interning with the powerful Calendar and Rules Committee. He basked in the knowledge of the colorful Chairman, Representative Pete Phillips; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his internship, Mr. Davidson graduated cum laude from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he then returned to the House Clerk's office, beginning as a part-time Bill Clerk and then advancing to the position of Chief Bill Clerk; and

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WHEREAS, he also worked on a number of political campaigns, including those of State Senator Anna Belle O'Brien and United States Senator Max Cleland; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Naifeh recognized Eddie Davidson's skills within the House Clerk's Office when he appointed Mr. Davidson to serve as Assistant Chief Clerk in 1996; and

WHEREAS, from 1996-2001, Mr. Davidson capably served the House of Representatives in that capacity, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the operations of the House Clerk's Office ran smoothly, Eddie Davidson worked long, tireless hours, learning all of the functions within the Office and overseeing a great deal of progress. He introduced technology into many different aspects of the operations of the Office and supervised the historic installation of cameras in the House Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davidson treated all members of the House with respect, regardless of political party affiliation. His integrity and willingness to help were highly valued by all members; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Davidson expressed the type of loyalty, honesty, and commitment that is highly regarded by the members of this Body; and

WHEREAS, he has now left the employment of the State of Tennessee to pursue other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, he is sorely missed by the membership of the House; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes the valuable contributions Eddie Davidson has made to the State through his service in the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we thank Eddie Davidson for his service to the General Assembly and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.